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Examiner England,

As we discussed, I am enclosing a set of proposed amendments and remarks relating to U.S. Application 10/734,725 for your review prior to our phone interview on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 2:30 pm Eastern.

Please feel free to contact me at 612-766-8739 with any questions prior to the interview. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No.: 10/734,725	Group Art Unit: 2143
Filing Date: December 12, 2003	Confirmation No.: 1983
Title: NOTIFICATION SYSTEM	Customer No.: 25764
	Docket No.: 80769 - 359874

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

This paper, relating to the above application, includes the following sections:

Detailed Claim Listing with Proposed Amendments beginning on page 2.

Remarks beginning on page 7.

This paper contains proposed amendments and remarks for the consideration of the Examiner prior to the Telephonic Interview scheduled for 2:30 pm Eastern on Monday, January 26, 2009. Applicants look forward to speaking with the Examiner.

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DETAILED CLAIM LISTING WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, pending in the present application, including proposed amendments to those claims.

1. (Currently Amended) An ~~inbound~~ automatic notification system comprising:
 - (a) at least one client processor configured to receive asset information about a plurality of assets;
 - (b) ~~a notification processor configured to receive the information from the at least one client processor; and~~
 - (e) a database in communication with the at least one client processor, the database configured to receive store the asset information from the notification processor;
 - (c) a notification processor in communication with the at least one client processor and the database, the notification processor configured to receive the asset information from the at least one client processor and transmit the asset information to the database; and
 - (d) an asset management processor in communication with the database, the asset management processor configured to evaluate the asset information to identify actionable information, and transmit a notification to a user based on the actionable information.
2. (Original) The notification system of claim 1 wherein the notification processor is further configured to standardize the information.
- 3-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) An ~~outbound~~ automatic notification system comprising:

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- (a) at least one entry computer configured to allow a user to enter asset information;
- (b) at least one client processor in communication with the at least one entry computer, the at least one client processor configured to receive the asset information from the at least one entry computer;
- ~~a database comprising stored information about a plurality of assets;~~
- (c) a notification processor in communication with the at least one client processor database, the processor configured to track receive the asset information transmitted from the at least one client processor about the plurality of assets and transmit a notification upon a certain condition relating to one of the plurality of assets being met, wherein the information about the plurality of assets comprises at least the stored information;
- (d) an asset management processor in communication with the notification processor over a network, the asset management processor configured to:
 - (i) receive the asset information transmitted from the notification processor;
 - (ii) transmit the asset information transmitted from the notification processor to a database, wherein the database is configured to receive and store the asset information, wherein the asset information in the database is stored asset information;
 - (iii) track the asset information transmitted from the notification processor and the stored asset information; and
 - (iv) transmit a notification upon a certain condition relating to one of the plurality of assets being met.

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6. (Original) The notification system of claim 5 wherein the notification is an electronic communication.

7. (Currently Amended) The notification system of claim 5 wherein the notification is configured to be sent to at least one of an owner/operator, a service provider, and another processor.

8-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The notification system of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the evaluation of the information comprises evaluation of at least the information in the database.

27-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A central asset management system comprising:

- (a) a central processor accessible on a computer network, ~~the central processor configured to track asset information relating to at least one of a plurality of assets;~~
- (b) a database in communication with the central processor, the database configured to store the asset information;
- (c) at least one client processor in communication with the central processor, the client processor configured to transmit the asset information;
- (d) a notification processor in communication with the central processor, the notification processor configured to:
 - (i) receive the asset information from the at least one client processor ~~asset~~;

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- (ii) standardize the asset information from the at least one client processor asset, whereby the information is compatible with the central processor; and
 - (iii) transmit the asset information to the central processor,
- wherein the central processor is configured to:
- (i) track the asset information, including the asset information stored in the database, to identify at least one certain condition relating to at least one of the plurality of assets; and
 - ~~(iv)~~(ii) transmit a notification to a user, the central processor, or a separate processor upon one of the at least one certain conditions being met.

31-37. (Cancelled)

38. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the system is in communication with the separate processor over a computer network.

39. (New) The central asset management system of claim 38, wherein the computer network is the Internet.

40. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the central processor is configured to transmit the asset information received from the notification processor to the database.

41. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the plurality of assets are located at at least one location of an enterprise.

42. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the plurality of assets are located at a plurality of locations of an enterprise.

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43. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the notification is an electronic communication.

44. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the asset information transmitted from the notification processor to the central processor comprises a service request.

45. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, wherein the notification processor is further configured to generate a work order based on the asset information and transmit the work order to the central processor.

46. (New) The central asset management system of claim 30, further comprising at least one asset interface associated with one of the plurality of assets, wherein the at least one asset interface is in communication with one of the at least one client processors, wherein the central processor is configured to monitor and control at least a portion of the asset via the at least one asset interface.

47. (New) The central asset management system of claim 46, wherein the one of the plurality of assets comprises a piece of equipment.

48. (New) The central asset management system of claim 47, wherein the piece of equipment is a refrigeration unit.

49. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification processor is further configured to generate a work order based on the asset information received from the at least one client processor and transmit the work order to the asset management processor.

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50. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of assets comprise at least refrigeration equipment.

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REMARKS

The above amendments and the instant remarks are submitted in response to the Pre-Interview Communication mailed on December 22, 2008 in the above case.

Support for the proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 5, and 30 and for proposed new claims 40-45 and 47-50 can be found in the instant Application as filed at paragraphs 21, 26, 28-29, and 31-35, in claims 3 and 4 as filed, and further in Figures 1, 6, and 8.

Support for the proposed amendments to dependent claim 7 and for proposed new claims 38-39 can be found at paragraphs 26 and 35 and in the original claims as filed.

Support for proposed new claim 46 can be found at paragraph 20.

Again, Applicants are looking forward to the Interview on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 2:30 pm Eastern. In the meantime, if the Examiner has any questions or requires further information regarding any of the claim amendments or remarks included in this paper, please feel free to call the undersigned at 612-766-8739.

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